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SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that the Honorable Catherine C. Blake today sentenced Harry S. Evans IV, age 38, of Catonsville, Maryland, a former Social Security Administration (SSA) employee, to 2 years incarceration followed by 2 years supervised release for embezzling more than \$240,000 from the SSA by creating fictitious travel expense vouchers. Evans was also ordered to pay \$51,674.64 in restitution to SSA.

On February 25, 2003 Evans entered a guilty plea to one count of wire fraud. In a statement of facts presented to the court in connection with Evans' plea, evidence showed that Evans, who was employed by the SSA as an accounting technician in the travel operations branch in Woodlawn, created false relocation expense vouchers for employees for expenses never incurred. The evidence further showed that Evans verified some of the entries he created, and thereby caused the SSA to generate five wire transfers of funds to bank accounts Evans controlled at the State Employees Credit Union and the Bank of America.

Evans used some of the proceeds to purchase a 2003 Honda Odyssey and to pay off a loan on a 1999

Mercury Mountaineer. The government seized both vehicles along with approximately \$150,000 from Evans bank accounts. Evans was suspended from his position with the SSA at the time of his arrest in December, 2002.

This case was investigated by the Inspector General's Office for the Social Security Administration and the United States Attorney's Office, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale P. Kelberman.